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SUBJECT: TIMES OF ZAMBIA EDITORIAL DECRIES WESTERN STRATEGY  
OF INTERFERENCE

REF: LUSAKA 0742

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1. IN LINE WITH ARGUMENTS DEVELOPED BY THE TIMES OF ZAMBIA  
SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT ON MARCH 20 (REFTEL), TIMES EDITORIAL  
MARCH 21 WARNS AGAINST THE DANGER OF INTERNATIONALIZING SHABA  
CONFLICT AND AGAINST EFFORTS BY THE WEST TO SPOIL THE ATMOSPHERE  
FOR PODGORNÝ'S VISIT. EDITORIAL SPECULATES ABOUT THE PROBABLE ROLE  
OF A FOREIGN ELEMENT IN THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT NGOUABI  
OF THE CONGO REPUBLIC. NGOUABI WAS A TRUE SOCIALIST, AND THEREIN  
MAY LIE THE REASON FOR A FOREIGN CONNECTION IN HIS ASSASSINATION.  
THE EDITORIAL, JUXTAPOSING NGOUABI'S ASSASSINATION WITH EVENTS IN  
ZAIRE, SEES HIS DEATH AS TAKING ON A "DISTINCTLY SINISTER  
CHARACTER". "THE OBSCENE HASTE" OF THE WEST TO POUR ARMS INTO  
ZAIRE REINFORCES THE ARGUMENT OF MANY AFRICANS THAT "BEHIND  
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EVERY ATTEMPTED OR SUCCESSFUL COUP ON THIS CONTINENT IS THE HAD  
OF A FOREIGNER OR A FOREIGN POWER."

2. EDITORIAL SEES THE WEST AS USING EVENTS IN ZAIRE AS MEANS  
OF SETTLING SCORES FOR ITS SETBACK IN ANGOLA. ALTHOUGH SECRETARY  
VANCE HAS NOT BLUNTLY SAID SO, THERE IS LITTLE DOUBT THAT HE AND  
OTHERS ARE HOPING FOR A FULL SCALE CONFRONTATION BETWEEN ANGOLA

AND ZAIRE. THRU A FULL-SCALE CONFRONTATION BETWEEN ANGOLA AND ZAIRE THE WEST WOULD MAKE AMENDS FOR THEIR ALLEGED "BETRAYAL" OF THE ANTI-MPLA FORCES.

3. PRESIDENT CARTER IS WARNED TO HALT POLITICAL ADVENTURISM IF HE HOPES FOR THE U.S. TO COME OUT OF DEVELOPING EVENTS WITH ITS IMAGE IN AFRICA UNSCATHED. THE CURRENT WESTERN "PRESS BLITZ" AGAINST THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES AND THEIR RELATIONS WITH SOME PROGRESSIVE AFRICAN STATES IS GEARED TO THE VISITS OF PRESIDENTS PODGORNÝ AND CASTRO TO THE AREA. AFRICANS ARE FREE TO CHOOSE THEIR OWN FRIENDS, BUT IF THE BLATANT WESTERN STRATEGY OF INTERFERENCE IN AFRICA CONTINUES, THE WEST MAY CLAIM TO HAVE ANYTHING BUT AFRICA'S FRIENDSHIP. END UNCLASSIFIED

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COMMENT: PAO PLANS TO DISCUSS EDITORIAL WITH THE TIMES EDITOR WHO THE EMBASSY BELIEVES AUTHORIZED THE PIECE, WHICH PROBABLY WAS NOT CLEARED BY STATE HOUSE. HOWEVER, EDITOR PROBABLY BELIEVED HE WAS KEEPING WITHIN GUIDELINES AS SKETCHED OUT BY THE GRZ (REFTEL), BUT IN DOING SO HE SUCCEEDED IN PERSONALIZING HIS ANALYSIS IN A WAY WHICH WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ACCEPTABLE TO STATE HOUSE. HE MAY HAVE BEEN CARRIED AWAY BY THE IMMINENCE OF CASTRO'S VISIT. LOW

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